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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to express my opinion that there should be no further government action against Microsoft. The company has agreed to a fair and reasonable settlement, and it should be finalized.

Given the current state of the economy, it is important that Microsoft is able to use its capital for software innovation instead of legal expenditures. Your decision to stop legal action against the company is best for the consumer, the Information Technology industry and the economy in general.

The agreement grants new rights to computer makers to configure Windows to better promote non-Microsoft software programs within Windows. They will now be free to remove the means by which consumers access various features of Windows. They can replace access to those features with access to non-Microsoft software.

My hope is that the federal government will now let the settlement fall in to place. In my opinion, the government need not taken any more action against Microsoft.

Sincerely

cc: Senator Strom Thurmond